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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6411**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1406

**NOTE PREPARED:** Dec 11, 2012

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** The Department of Child Services Ombudsman.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Rep. Riecken

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

**FUNDS AFFECTED:** X GENERAL  
DEDICATED  
FEDERAL

**IMPACT:** State

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill requires the Department of Child Services (DCS) to post on its Internet web site information concerning the services provided by the Office of the Department of Child Services Ombudsman. The bill requires the DCS to print information concerning the services provided by the Office of the Department of Child Services Ombudsman on all written materials concerning: (1) child abuse or neglect that are distributed or made available to the public by the DCS or a local office; and (2) foster care or residential care or treatment that are distributed or made available by the DCS or a local office.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2013.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** This bill is expected to increase DCS expenditures to reprint promotional materials that include information on services offered by the DCS Ombudsman. The cost of replacing the current stock of promotional materials with new materials containing information on services offered by the DCS Ombudsman is expected to be a one-time cost of \$10,000.

Additionally, the DCS reports that requiring the agency to post information concerning the DCS Ombudsman on its website is expected to increase staff workload minimally.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:** DCS.

**Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:** Brady Brookes, DCS.

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